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SUBJECT: US-ITALY ENERGY WORKING GROUP (EWG): URANIUM ENRICHMENT
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1. REFTEL (PARA 3) STATES THAT IF URANIUM ENRICHMENT ASSOCIATES (UEA) SHOULD, FOR ANY REASON, FAIL TO CONSTRUCT PRIVATE GASEOUS DIFFUSION ENRICHMENT PLANT IN US, QUESTION OF TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY (COMPRESSORS, HEAT EXCHANGERS AND SPECIAL COMPONENTS AND INSTRUMENTATION) TO ITALIANS BECOMES "MOOT." EMBASSY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT CURRENT DEBATE ON US FUTURE ENRICHMENT CAPACITY CONCERNS PRIMARILY WHETHER USG OR PRIVATE FIRMS WILL CONSTRUCT THAT CAPACITY. IN EITHER CASE, ADDITIONAL US ENRICHMENT CAPACITY WILL BE BUILT AND ITALIAN FIRMS OR ENTITIES COULD AS WELL SERVE AS SUPPLIERS FOR USG-BUILT PLANT AS FOR A PRIVATELY-BUILT ONE. BECAUSE UEA MAY NOT IN FACT BUILD THE ADDITIONAL CAPACITY, EMBASSY FORESEES NEED TO ADDRESS QUESTION OF ITALIAN PARTICIPATION SHOULD USG CONSTRUCT ADDITIONAL ENRICHMENT CAPACITY. SPECIFICALLY, COULD ITALIANS PARTICIPATE IN THIS CASE AND
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IF SO, WHAT FORM MIGHT SUCH PARTICIPATION TAKE?

2. REFTEL REFERS ONLY TO QTE ITALIANS UNQTE; DOES THIS MEAN ITALIAN FIRMS (I.E. NUOVA PIGNONE, ENI SUBSIDIARY, OR PRIVATE COMPANY) AND /OR ENTITIES (I.E. ENI ITSELF OR CNEN)? MUST THERE BE DIRECT GOI PARTICIPATION?

3. EMBASSY WILL HOLD OFF DISCUSSING THIS POINT WITH MIGLIUOLO PENDING GUIDANCE.BEAUDRY

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